

INFO CENTRAL

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SENIOR PASTOR INFO

I was alerted by Dave Anderson to a very chilling article that appeared in the *Jerusalem Post* late last week. The main force of the article was to detail and describe the "policy" of the Obama Administration toward the Nation of Israel. Among the many things noted in the article were already public statements that have been made by various "higher ups" in the Obama Administration, including Vice President Joe Biden. Many of these statements proclaim a very clear and unified message to the world and to the State of Israel that the USA no longer supports Israel's right for self-determination and that it is the intention of the Obama Administration to force Israel to accept a new plan being formulated by the "Quartet" (US, EU, UN, Russia). This new plan will demand that Israel withdraw from Judea, Samaria, the Golan Heights and JERUSALEM. The new Obama Plan also requires that Israel accept millions of foreign Arabs as citizens of Israel. Israel's acceptance of this "Obama Plan" would be tantamount to Israel committing "national suicide." Also included in the article was a description of the blatant disrespect the Obama White House showed to Shimon Peres (President of Israel) during his visit last week. This was clearly another message to Israel that it is the Obama Administration's position that Israel is to blame for the Arab world's hostility toward Israel and for Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons. Obviously, President Obama is driven by his own deeply ingrained ideology that is completely immune to the facts of history or of the present situation in the Middle East.

Now, I obviously recognize that the vast majority of the "Christians" in this world do NOT believe that the existence of the State of Israel is of any biblical significance. I realize that even among a large percentage of people who would call themselves "evangelicals," the "State of Israel" is not prophetically significant. But I believe that it is highly biblically significant that the State of Israel was formed on May 14, 1948. I believe it is one of the "birth pangs" that portends the coming Tribulation Period. I believe it is one of the most prominent and most pungent of all the "signs of the times." And as this article details (and which the news media in the US refuses to say anything about), the Obama Administration is telling the entire world that Israel no longer has the protective shield of the USA to guarantee its security. As far as world politics is concerned, Israel is "on its own." **Enter YHWH TSE-BAOTH (The Lord of Hosts)!!**

We discussed this article and its implications in our staff meeting on Monday morning. One person, after listening quietly to the discussion asked, "So what does all this mean? What should we do?" My answer was, "BE READY; and if you are not ready, GET READY!" He responded, "How do we get ready?" The clearest and most succinct biblical answer to that question that I can think of is found in 1 John 3:3. In 1 John 3:2, John talks about the Day when "...we shall see Him as He is...." Then he says: "And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure." There it is. Get your spiritual house in order! Maranatha (O Lord, Come)!! Pastor Terry Kern <><

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity in our church? The front office is looking for a few interested individuals to do receptionist duties during the week between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Any hours you are willing to work would be appreciated. Please call Gayle.

DISCOVER FEFC

This is our introductory class to First Evangelical Free Church. It includes getting to meet others who are new to FEFC, finding out what the ministries are and reviewing our church's basic beliefs. This class also offers preparation for membership, if that is desired. Contact Pastor Kevin at the church office at 223-3330 or email Pastor Kevin at kevin@firstefree.com for more information. The next Membership/Discover classes are May 31 and June 1, 2009.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION SEMINAR

Sunday, May 17, MedCenter One Dakota Children's Advocacy Center will be coming to our church to do a Child Abuse Prevention seminar. We are highly encouraging this seminar to anyone who works with children in our church and is open to anyone who is interested. Beginning at 5:00 p.m., there will be a cooks night off meal for \$2.00 per person. The seminar is from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please sign up at the Information Center or by calling the church. (This seminar is not for children.) For more information you may contact Linnet or Nanette at 223-3330.

COOPERSTOWN BIBLE CAMP

Work weekend is May 15 - 16, 2009. They need laborers of all kinds, skilled and unskilled, male and female! We have all sorts of jobs that anyone can do. Food and lodging are provided at no cost! Just let them know you are coming by emailing them at mail@cooperstownbiblecamp.com..

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Summer Bible Study will be held Tuesday morning from 9:30-11:30 a.m. beginning June 9 and goes through July 28. Childcare is provided with registration fee. Contact Elaine Schelhaas to register before May 29.

MOTORCYCLE TRIP

Calling all motorcycle enthusiasts! June 5 - 7 we are going to do a weekend ride to the Black Hills in South Dakota. Anyone wanting more information can contact Rick Janke.

MOTORCYCLE RUN

For those who love to ride motorcycles, we will be starting our weekly motorcycle runs on Tuesday nights. We meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Clark Station at Exit 161 and just go for a ride and a time of fellowship.

**One Worship Service
May 24 at 10:00 a.m.**

412 Ministries

PRIMETIME

Sunday morning for Jr. High & Sr. High 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

GRADUATES OPEN HOUSE

May 16, 2009

Jaclyn Huwe 2 - 4 pm Bismarck

Katie Schindler 6 - 9 pm Bismarck

May 17, 2009

Taylor Leet Noon - 3 pm , Bismarck

May 22, 2009

Emily Alexander 6 - 9 pm Bismarck

May 23, 2009

Savannah Gaking 1-5 pm Bismarck

Amanda Molinaro 1 - 6 pm Bismarck

Kayla Deschamp 2 - 4 pm Bismarck

Kaylyn Kuntz 3 - 6 pm Bismarck

Jordan Davis 7 - 11 pm Bismarck

May 24, 2009

Lyndsey Herda 4:30 - 7:30 pm Mandan

May 30, 2009

Kevin Backman 2 - 4 pm Bismarck



PRAYER CHAIN INFO

Please call the Phone Prayer Chain Captains and e-mail your requests to Laurie Grosz at the e-mail address below to activate your prayer requests.

E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN INFO

prayer@firstefree.com

PHONE PRAYER CHAIN CAPTAINS INFO

DAYTIME : Catherine Grosz

EVENING : Doris Ann Van Beek



WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

- THU - May 14 Young Adult Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.
Women's Ministry Team Meeting - 7:00 pm
- FRI - May 15 Joy Club @ McDonald's (by K-Mart) - 9:30 am
Friday Night Singles - 6:30 pm
- SUN - May 17 Worship Service - 9:00 am
Sunday School/Adult Community - 9:00 am
Fellowship - 10:15 am
Worship Service - 10:45 am
Children's Sunday School - 10:45 am
Cooks Night Off - 5:00 pm
Child Abuse Prevention Seminar - 6:00 pm
- MON - May 18 Living Stones Men's Study - 6:30 am
Adult Student Ministry Team Mtg - 6:30 pm
Missions & Outreach Board - 7:00 pm
- TUE - May 19 Motorcycle Run @ Clark Station Exit 161 - 6:30 pm
Hope in a Hostile World Study; 7:00 pm
- WED - May 20 412 Senior Banquet - 6:30 pm
All Church Prayer - 6:30 pm
Men's Bible Study - 6:30 pm

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